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Machines Take Over The Kitchen

Have you caught up with the new thermoelectric appliances that are now offered to consumers—little ol' you and me?

Sears Roebuck is offering a thermoelectric buffet which alternately keeps things cooled to 35 degrees or warm at a temperature range from 130 to 160 degrees.

Then there are the thermoelectric refrigerator and the thermoelectric airconditioning systems built into the walls, to make a home warm or cool.

By use of a thermoelectric appliance you can keep your dinner refrigerated until an automatic timer converts the unit into a heating device—while you are out.

One of the main selling points is that these appliances need no service. There are no moving parts other than the door hinges.

Another discovery: a simple do-it-yourself pregnancy test.

Dr. Albert Sherman, a gynecologist working in Glasgow, Scotland, mixed two new chemical reagents (made up by Ortho Pharmaceuticals) with a urine sample, and in experiments with 247 women found that pregnancy can accurately be detected three weeks after conception.

A dedicated anti-Communist, Mrs. William Melton, wrote the Lewiston (Mont.) Argus that the Communists are now trying with all their power to put J. D. Salinger's book "Catch Her In

the Rye" in every American high school.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, as previously mentioned, wrote an outstanding article for the Saturday Evening Post called "The CIA Is Getting Out of Hand."

Their Bay of Pigs disaster has evidently not stopped them from meddling in State Department business. Their function is supposed to be that of gathering information around the world but they persist in making foreign policy. They even employ paid killers, according to the senator, for the purpose of assassinations.

They have grown to be the most powerful agency in Washington, employing 14,000 men.

Former President Harry S. Truman, who created the agency, says that the time has come to "take another look" at its operations.

Mr. Truman says he never intended its use in "peace-time cloak and dagger operations" and that he now feels "there is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow" over our institutions.

Congressman Lindsay of New York, who is a member of the House Armed Services subcommittee charged with keeping an eye on CIA activities, says the committee "met annually one time a year for a period of two hours in which we accomplished virtually nothing."

I. F. Stone, Washington's journalistic watchdog, reports that the United States today has

the sinister distinction of being the only government in the world with a cloak-and-dagger agency which overthrows and sometimes has a hand in killing the rulers of countries with which we are at peace.

"One of these days," he warns, "unless stopped, they may try to do at home what they have been accustomed to doing abroad."

Robert A. Kilmarx, a Pentagon official, in reviewing a new book on national security for the Washington Post, wrote that the book "came at a most fortunate time" because the nuclear test ban treaty had created the "danger of a euphoria about national security."

This, he says, could be "compounded by apathy toward cold war conflict" especially if Russia "continues to avoid precipitating major crises."

I. F. Stone labels this as the beginning of "a crisis gap."

The CIA may fill the gap by fabricating some crises of its own.

Mr. Kilmarx is special adviser to the assistant chief of staff of Air Force intelligence.

Linus Pauling will speak on "Reasons for Achieving Disarmament Through International Agreement" at Sherwood Hall, La Jolla, at 8 p.m. Feb. 7.

Mrs. Florence Stevens, one of the stalwarts of the Peace Information Center of San Diego, is currently doing a study of San Diego's potential conversion to a peacetime economy.